

RANDALL LIBRARY FRIENDS

Supporting Randall Library - Enriching Life in Stow

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Annual Report from the Friends

By Kathleen Pavelchek, Acting President

As I begin this Annual Report I am amazed that the year has passed so quickly. The Friends continue to support and promote our Library. We renewed free museum passes to Acton's Discovery Museums and the Boston Museum of Science. We sponsored the well-attended "Dad's Night" at the Library last summer, and will be presenting similar programs every year. Several other programs appealed to a wide variety of interests, including * Sold-out bus trip to JFK Library for the Jackie O exhibit, * Yoga/mediation lecture, * Book and author program - Glen Stout, author of *Red Socks Century*, * Annual Ice Cream Social during

Summer Reading Program, and * Annual Senior Art Show during Stow Springfest. We are grateful for community support and participation in all these events.

This newsletter is now in its third year of publication. It has proved to be an excellent tool for sharing the good news about Randall Library and its resources with the community. Our website's host unfortunately discontinued free support for community websites, but we look forward to participating in the Town's exciting new program for creating its own community-wide website for all Stow departments and organizations in the near future. The Friends received two grants last year - A Stow Community Chest grant funded part of the costs of the Summer Reading Program, and a grant from the Stow Cultural Council will help help us present the Senior Art Show this May.

The Friends continue our fundraising through sales of **Stow Houses** and **Stow Throws**. The bulk of our financing, however, comes from the generous contributions of Stow's residents and businesses who visit, enjoy, and appreciate the Randall Library. Do please renew your membership, see page 4 for suggested support levels, and attend our Annual Business Meeting June 6 to help elect officers.

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2 Did You Know That. . ?

Denise Flynn, our new Children's Librarian, is an accomplished dancer who had her own dancing school ?

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Denise will be introducing new creative movements - stretching, clapping and jumping in her two Thursday morning Story Times for preschoolers ?

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You Can receive passes to the following museums?

The Discovery Museums, Acton
The Museum of Science, Boston
The Museum of fine Arts, Boston

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The Massachusetts Talking Book Program loans free books in audio cassette, braille and disk formats as well as free loans of cassette and record players to blind people?

For more information call Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library in Watertown at 800-852-3133.

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The Friends annual meeting to elect officers will be on June 6th at the Library ? All paid-up members are invited to nominate and vote for new officers.

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Library Hours

Tues. to Thurs.

10 to 8

Fri. 10 to 2

Sat. 10 to 5

Closed Sat.

Jul. & Aug.

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Community Organizations - Council On Aging

By Linda Graves, Director

The Council on Aging provides the following programs and activities that contribute to the dignity and well-being of Stow's senior citizens:

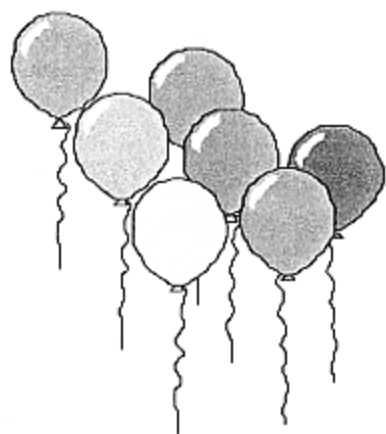
- * Outreach-Referral for frail, homebound or isolated elders
- * Van Transportation to doctors' offices and hospitals
- * Hot Lunch Program at Acton's Eating Together meal-site
- * Drop-in Center in the Friendship Room at the Town Building
- * Monthly Newsletter announces programs, classes and clinics
- * Exercise, Tai-Chi, Studio Art, and Craft programs.
- * Spring Dinner, Summer Picnic, Bingo, monthly Men's Breakfast
- * Blood sugar/Cholesterol, Blood Pressure and Podiatry Clinics
- * Tax Work-Off, Fuel Assistance, Health and Tax Assistance



Chris Corff, Outreach Instructor helping Virginia Benjamin, 77, of Packard Road. The Craft Class worked on quilts recently.



Rita Sharkey, longtime volunteer and Linda Graves, Director



Scorpions are not all dangerous - as this young lady discovered at a **Curious Creatures** program in February.



Most kids were eager to stroke the baby **Alligator** whose jaw was muzzled.



Dad and preschoolers work on crafts after Story Time one Thursday morning this winter. They used raisins to make paper-plate faces.



At the Thursday Preschool Story Time former children's Librarian *Anne Fescharek* read several picture books to a dozen 3 and 4 year-olds and their moms and dads. Afterwards there were crafts and cookies and fruit-juice. Anne resigned recently, and the new Children's Librarian is *Denise Flynn*, our well-known, longtime Library Aide. She is continuing these programs and also resumed the Arts & Crafts program for school-age kids. Last Thursday afternoon eleven kids made Woodsies picture frames consisting of colored popsicle sticks decorated with wooden stars, hearts and triangles, magnetized on the back for favorite photos.

Total Control, by David Baldacci, Warner Books, 1997

This financial thriller involves computer companies, big bucks and crooks who operate online. It's fast-paced plot is so full of twists that it kept me guessing until the end. Sidney Archer's life is suddenly thrown into disarray when her husband Jason's plane crashes and all aboard are killed. She discovers secrets about her husband unfolding around her as she gets drawn deeper and deeper into the mystery of what happened. FBI agents are also investigating because the Chairman of the Federal Reserve was among the dead. A well written, highly recommended mystery.

A Bend In The Road, by Nicholas Sparks, Warner Books, 2001

The love story of Miles Ryan and Sarah Andrews is rooted in a hit and run accident. The narrator unfolds their story and the tragedy that threatens to destroy their relationship. This was a quick and easy read, and I just could not put it down until I had finished.

Big Red of Meadow Stable: Secretariat, the making of a champion, by William Nack, A. Fields Books, 1975

A stunning biography of one of the greatest and most memorable race horses of our time. Though Nack educates us about the thoroughbred racing industry and pedigrees, his portrait of Secretariat emerges as a great personality with tremendous athletic prowess and champion spirit. I felt as though I were sitting in the stands during the 1973 Belmont Stakes as Secretariat shattered the track record and took a 31 length lead to win. I'll be the first to admit I'm a horse person, but this is a biography of a great athlete with his own persona, not simply a horse.

All three books are available at Randall Library or through the Minuteman Network.

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